DOORDARSHAN PROGRAMMES VIS-A-VIS ZEE TV

*271. SHRI GOPALSINEH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in comparison to Doordarshan Programmes, Zee TV and other international channel programmes have become popular in the country and Doordarshan is attracting very few viewers;

(b) if so, whether the basic standard of Doordarshan programmes is poor and of sub-standard;

(c) whether Government have made any survey in this context so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No, Sir Doordarshan programmes continue to be popular with the viewers.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

R.B.I. DIRECTIVES ON INTEREST RATE ON ADVANCES

*272. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that RBI issued a circular on 13th June, 1988 addressed to Urban Co-op. Banks advising them that the deposits of funds by the Urban Co-op. banks with Corporation|Companies etc. would be tentamount to granting unsecured advances and would also attract the provisions of the directive;

(b) if so, what are the provisions of RBI directive on interest rates and maximum limit of advances;

(c) the reasons due to which such general circular has been made applicable recently to deposits made in Shrinidhi Deposit Scheme of Sardar Sarovar Nigam Limited; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the 1988 circular referred to above and applied to SSPNL is uncalled for and anti-developmental ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that their circular dated June 13, 1988 applies to all types of deposits kept with any institution|Company|Corporation which was not in the co-operative fold. The funds generated in the co-operative sector should be deployed in the co-operative sector only and mainly for the benefit of the members as per the guidelines issued by RBI from time to time. The instructions aim at calling upon urban co-operative banks to use their resources for the purposes for which they are established i.e. by financing needy persons in the respective areas of operation and thus generate and develop the economy thereat. These are in the overall interest of urban co-operative banking system and the co-operative movement. In the context of this, the urban co-operative banks are not to divert their resources as deposit with any institutions| Corporations etc. including Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited (SSNNL).

The relevant information regarding rate of interest applicable on deposits as well as on advances in June 1988 and as at present is given in the Statement I and II.

STATEMENT-I

Interest Rates on Deposits

	In June 1988	As on 16-12-93
I. Current Accounts Deposits :		
Current Account deposits and deposits upto 14 days and deposits subject to withdrawal or repayment by or notice for a period of 14 days or less.	Not exceeding 0.5% p.a.	Not exceeding 0.5% p.a.
II. Savings Deposits :	5.0% p.a.	5.0% p.a.
III. Term Deposits : :		
(a) 15 days to 45 days	3.0% p.a.	Nil
(b) 46 days to 90 days	4.0% p.a.	From 46 days to three years and above not exceeding 10% p.a.
(c) 91 days and above but less than one year	8.0% p.a.	
(d) One year and above but less than 2 years	9.0% p.a.	
(e) Two years and above	10.0% p.a.	

STATEMENT—II

The Interest rates for the major categories was as under in June 1988

	Rate of Interest % p.a.
I. Small Scale Industries :	
1. Composite loans upto Rs. 25,000/-	Not exceeding 11.00
(a) Backward areas	11.00
(b) Other areas	12.00 (Fixed)
2. Short-term advances	
(a) Limits upto and inclusive of Rs. 2.00 lakhs	Not exceeding 14.00
(b) Limits over Rs. 2.00 lakhs and upto Rs. 25.00 lakhs	Not exceeding 15.50
(c) Limits over Rs. 25.00 lakhs	16.50 (Fixed)
II. Other Categories :	
1. Retail Trade advances	
(a) Limits upto and inclusive of Rs. 5,000/-	Not exceeding 14.00
(b) Limits over Rs. 5,000/- and upto Rs. 25,000/-	Not exceeding 15.00
(c) Limits above Rs. 25,000/-	Not exceeding 16.50

	Rate of interst % pa
2. Educational advances	
(a) Indigent students for purpose of higher education in India	Not less than Bank rate
(b) Other educational advances	14.00–15.50
3. All other advances	Not exceeding 16.50
III. Term Loans:	
1. Small Scale Industries units as in the then new definition of SSI	
	Not exceeding
(a) Backward areas	13.50
(b) Other areas	13.50 (Fixed)
All other term loans	Not exceeding 15.00
2. **As at Present**	
As on date interest rates on advances are determined on the size of the advances as under :—	
(a) Upto and inclusive of Rs. 25,000/-	14.50
(b) Above Rs. 25,000 and upto Rs. 2.00 lakhs	15.00 (Fixed)
(c) Over Rs. 2.00 lakhs	15.00 (Minimum)

However, in case of loan for retail trade, loans for purchase of consumer durables, loan to individuals against shares and debenture, bond and personal loans, banks are free to determine the rates of interest not below the rates indicated above.

HANDING OVER OF BADARPUR PLANT TO NPTC

*273. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount due from Delhi Electricity Supply Undertaking to Badarpur Thermal Plant as on date;

(b) what steps are being taken to collect these dues;

(c) whether there is any proposal to hand over the plant to NPTC;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for this proposal; and

(e) by when this proposal will be implemented

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) A amount of about Rs. 3067 crores including surcharge is outstanding against DESU towards Badarpur dues as on 1-12-1993.

(b) Government has been constantly following up the matter with Delhi Administration|DESU. DESU has recently revised its tariffs to increase its revenues.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.